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Reporting for week ending July 30, 2006

General

Temperatures returned to normal and provided relief from the summer heat. At the end week, much of the state received rain. The extreme northwest corner of the state was the exception to the rain. There were 6.0 days suitable for field work. Soil moisture supplies were 26% very short, 35% short, 36% adequate, and 3% surplus.

Crops

Irrigation of crops lessened due to the rain. The corn crop continued to stay ahead of five year averages. The corn crop remained in mostly good condition. Farmers continued to spray for bugs in some cotton fields. Cotton was in mostly good condition. Farmers also sprayed their rice crop for stink bugs. The rice crop was, likewise, in mostly good condition. Sorghum headed was slightly ahead of five year average while some of sorghum started to mature. The sorghum crop was in fair to good condition. Soybeans continued to push well ahead of the five year averages. The soybean crop was in fair to good condition with some of fields being sprayed for pests.

Livestock

Livestock remained in good condition. Conditions on the hay crops remained in mostly fair condition. Pasture and range environment deteriorated slightly; however, the rain kept the decline to a minimum.

Percent of Progress

	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	2005	5 Year Avg
Corn	Doughed	95	88	84	84
	Dented	72	50	30	36
	Mature ¹	5			
Cotton	Bolls Set	99	93	94	92
Rice	Headed	40	20	20	47
Sorghum	Headed	96	91	83	91
	Coloring	55	37	44	54
	Mature ¹	2			
Soybeans	Bloomed	91	84	86	76
	Pods Set	71	58	65	52
	Yellowed ¹	4			

¹ Question not asked in previous years for reference week.

Condition in Percentages

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	3	11	29	45	15
Cotton	1	8	28	47	16
Rice	2	5	26	51	16
Sorghum	2	13	40	35	10
Soybeans	8	17	35	32	8
Hay-Other	12	32	34	20	2
Hay-Alfalfa	9	24	54	13	0
Pasture & Range	13	35	34	18	0

Temperatures and Precipitation Week Ending July 30, 2006									
District	Station	Temperatures			Rainfall				
		High	Low	Dep from Normal	Wk Ending July 30	July	July	Jan - June	
						Accum	Normal	2006	Normal
Northwest	Fayetteville	99	58	1	0.00	1.57	3.82	17.85	23.76
	Harrison	100	61	1	0.00	2.24	3.22	30.83	23.45
N. Central	Calico Rock	96	56	-2	2.48	4.28	3.53	24.12	23.93
	Gilbert	97	57	-1	0.50	3.14	3.11	23.02	23.71
	Greers Ferry	97	62	-1	0.36	1.29	3.93	28.38	26.46
	Mtn. Home	95	64	-1	0.53	4.10	3.23	21.49	23.68
Northeast	Batesville	96	59	-2	1.56	2.41	3.56	26.81	24.94
	Jonesboro	95	61	-3	3.96	5.41	3.12	22.88	25.26
	Keiser	94	65	-1	2.23	7.00	4.06	27.56	27.53
	Newport	98	65	-1	1.13	2.05	3.81	29.83	25.71
W. Central	Booneville	101	62	0	0.13	1.09	4.08	19.06	25.22
	Clarksville	99	66	2	0.79	1.14	3.42	21.13	24.61
	Dardanelle	99	64	1	1.09	1.73	3.83	23.09	25.68
	Ft. Smith	102	66	2	0.00	1.55	3.73	25.79	22.88
	Mena	95	62	1	0.39	1.20	5.79	22.87	29.74
	Ozark	102	63	2	0.02	1.31	3.99	27.64	23.06
Central	Conway	97	65	-1	0.63	1.19	3.51	27.83	25.79
	Hot Springs	102	63	-1	0.61	0.50	4.82	26.21	30.13
	Little Rock	97	67	0	0.70	1.63	3.82	26.70	26.85
	N. Little Rock	97	67	-2	1.10	2.89	3.55	25.27	22.77
E. Central	Brinkley	92	62	-4	2.50	2.50	3.66	31.06	28.14
	Marianna	94	64	-3	0.28	1.26	4.43	25.98	29.21
	Stuttgart	95	62	-3	1.92	2.35	3.76	26.07	27.38
Southwest	Hope	97	58	-1	1.18	1.47	4.41	19.99	28.05
	Texarkana	98	63	0	2.81	2.93	4.44	18.90	23.26
	Camden	98	60	-1	4.25	4.81	4.55	15.02	28.20
S. Central	El Dorado	97	59	-1	1.81	2.28	4.82	23.82	29.86
	Warren	98	61	-1	0.39	0.91	4.63	24.33	29.99
Southeast	Eudora	102	63	-1	0.15	0.31	4.11	31.93	33.15
	Pine Bluff	96	63	-1	0.85	1.62	4.53	26.66	27.73
	Rohwer	96	64	-1	0.05	0.13	4.34	30.81	28.85

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